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The Honorable Gary L. Ackerman Chairman Subcommittee on Human Resources Committee on Post Office and Civil Service U.S. House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

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Dear Mr. Chairman:

I have been asked to respond to your 17 April 1985 letter to Director Casey requesting data on the Agency's utilization of temporary employees and its compliance with the Office of Personnel Management's new regulations concerning the hiring of temporary employees, as outlined in FPM Letter 316-21, dated 2 January 1985.

As you may be aware, the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) possesses independent statutory authority under Section 8 (a)(1) of the CIA Act of 1949, as amended, 50 U.S.C. Section 403j(a)(1), to hire and appoint persons as necessary to carry out Agency functions. Because of this independent authority, Agency employment practices are not affected by the FPM letter. Given this fact, I trust that your request for detailed information about CIA employees and job descriptions, which would be classified, is not pertinent to your current inquiry.

I hope that this response will be helpful in your review of federal agency compliance with the OPM regulation cited above.

Sincerely,

/s/Charles A. Briggs

Charles A. Briggs
Director, Office of Legislative Liaison

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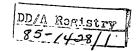
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Dear Mr. Chairman:

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I have been asked to respond to your 17 April 1985 letter to Director Casey concerning Agency compliance with the Office of Personnel Management's new regulations concerning the hiring of temporary employees, as outlined in FPM Letter 316-21, dated January 2, 1985.

We do not believe that the OPM policy is intended to or does apply to this Agency. The Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) is not bound by the OPM regulation cited above, but rather possesses independent statutory authority under Section 8 (a)(1) of the CIA Act of 1949, as amended, 50 U.S.C. Section 403j(a)(1), to hire and appoint persons as necessary to carry out Agency functions. Accordingly, Agency employment practices have not been affected by the FPM Letter. Given this fact, I trust that detailed information about CIA employees and job descriptions, which would be classified and have to be submitted to the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence (HPSCI), is not pertinent to your current inquiry.

I would be very pleased to meet with you to discuss this matter further, if that would be helpful.

Sincerely,

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Deputy Director, Office of Legislative Liaison